ACSCC meeting minutes – March 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. This meeting

was conducted virtually via ZOOM due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Present: Angelique Moss (Chair), Kerem Bilge, Thomas Bradley, Henry Brooks, Daniel Morrison, Holly Beardow, Allison Wynn, Scott Campbell, Wesley Thomas, Kate Karau, Elodie Guillon, Gabby Friedman, Kyly Larriviere

City Staff/ Liaisons: Jim Holloway, Nicole Quinn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Angelique Moss (Chair)

II. Public Virtual Meeting Notice

The meeting notice for public virtual events was read by Nicole Quinn.

III. Introduction

Holly Beardrow brought forward a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, approved by Angelique Moss (chair).

IV. Ongoing Business

A. Re-cap of Jennifer Paxton Lecture: Holly Beardrow mentioned that 18 tickets were sold for Dr. Jennifer Paxton's Lecture, which was on the Ides of March.

B. New Member/Bios

We have a new member, Kyly Larriviere. She is a Masters Candidate at Johns Hopkins University, and is a real francophilie. Members introduced themselves so Kyly could feel more familiar with the group. We then discussed our member bios, which are being made so we can better communicate with the members of the Caen sister city committee in France. Angelique Moss (chairperson) confirmed that she reached out to Pascal, who runs the committee in France, about possibly getting members to communicate via Zoom/Skype.

C. D-Day

Kerem discussed how we could go about planning for D-Day, provided that it can happen by that time. He confirmed that the date for the virtual lecture had been decided: June 3rd with Dr. Hollien. We also discussed the Redding Air Show. Jim & Nicole talked about what could be done in terms of having an in-person event. We proposed having Alexandria Council Member John Taylor Chapman read a statement about the contributions of black soldiers during World War II. We will have a second lecture June 5th. We talked about the ability of having a virtual lecture that attendees could log into, possibly during their lunch hour.

D. Exchanges/Virtual Options

Members discussed the possibility of doing a virtual students exchange, but this seems unlikely due to the fact that it is best conducted in-person. In addition, students come mainly for the experience of living in Alexandria and learning about the United States, which would be difficult due to travel restrictions. We discussed the possibility of an internship (possibly virtual) but an in-person one seems unlikely due to COVID-related restrictions.

E. Possible Events

Members discussed the possibility of having another lecture dealing with the contributions that African-Americans made during WWII. We also talked about possibly having lectures dealing with French art, an event for Bastille Day, and one with Paul Glenshaw (documentary filmmaker). The possibility of a virtual day walk was also mentioned.

F. Volunteer Hours

Members were instructed to report their hours to myself (Kate Karau) and Angelique Moss (chairperson). Members should tally their hours from September 2020-March 2021, with about 2 hours per month. We will meet Monday, August 4th, but we will not have a meeting in July.

VII. Public Comment

We did not have a public comment, but there is a vacancy if anyone is interested in joining the committee.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

2021 Calendar

January—

February—

March-

April—

May---

June— D-Day

July---

August—

September-

October—

November---December---

V Attendance and Volunteer Hours

Name	Present/Excused/Unexcu	
Angelique	X	
Scott	x	25
Christine		
Daniel	X	
Kerem	X	18
Gabi	X	14
Thomas	X	17
Elodie	X	
Kate	x	18
Franz		12
Joseph		
Henry	X	
Wesley	x	
Holly	X	27
James	x	
Alex	X	14
Allison	X	14